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Mr. Richard Fairbanks

Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs

Department of State

Washington, DC 20520

April 30, 1982

Dear Mr. Fairbanks:

On January 22 you wrote to Senator Goldwater, responding to his inquiry about various prisoners in Argentina. His constituent, [redacted] shared with us a copy of that letter. B6

We noted with some surprise your assertion that "we do not know the current status of Ruben Sergio Pra." Mr. Pra's prolonged detention is a source of great concern to the Anti-Defamation League. I enclose a document which has information about Mr. Pra's situation for your information.

We received a letter just this week informing us that Ruben Pra has, in recent months, been placed in solitary confinement, denied adequate nourishment and is unable to get necessary medical treatment. Moreover, he has been subjected to physical punishment.

We also have information about Pablo Bohoslawsky, a second individual about whom you have no information; fact sheet enclosed. We would greatly appreciate your sharing this information with Senator Goldwater.

The U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires should be aware of both Mr. Pra and Bohoslawsky because we requested their intervention on his behalf in 1980. I am sending them a copy of this letter in the hope that they will renew their efforts to gain his freedom. The letter is also being sent to Mr. Dale Shaffer the Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal
Director
Department of Latin American Affairs

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Enclosure

cc: [redacted]

Dale Shaffer - State Department ✓

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TO: State Dept.

Date: July 15, 1980

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We have been asked by friends and/or family members of the individual whose name appears below, to assist in locating and/or securing his/her release. We are forwarding this information to you with the request that you take such action as may be within your power and inform us of action taken and results received.

NAME: Pra, Sergio Ruben AGE: b. Nov. 28, 1946

COUNTRY WHERE INCIDENT OCCURRED: Argentina NATIONALITY: Argentinian

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION: Mrs. Norma Vainberg (b. in 1948) - wife; Sergio (son) (b. 1974) OAS#6953

Belgian government has granted them political asylum.

DATE AND PLACE OF INCIDENT: April 1975

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: In prison since April 1975, sentenced to 6 years seclusion, under the charge of possessing "political material." This judgment was cancelled on appeal in 1977, but Mr. Pra is still in jail. The Belgian government has offered Pra asylum. Dr. Francisco Jose Jauregui is Mr. Pra's lawyer. First held in La Plata, then transferred to the prison of Encausados U 1 Pichincha 3106. Mr. Pra and 30 other prisoners were transferred to Rawson Prison at the end of April, 1980. He is still at Rawson and was recently allowed the visit of his mother after a two-year lapse. In recent months, he has been subjected to physical punishment, solitary confinement and deprived of adequate nourishment and necessary medical and dental care.

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NAME: Bohoslavsky, Pablo AGE: 29

COUNTRY WHERE INCIDENT OCCURRED: Argentina NATIONALITY: Argentine

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION: Married and father of three children aged 3, 4 and

6 years old respectively. Professor of Mathematics at the Universidad del Sur

in Bahia Blanca

Contact: (Cousin) Marta Visosky

[Handwritten initials]

DATE AND PLACE OF INCIDENT: Oct. 1976, in Bahia Blanca

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Arrested and tried by a Military Tribunal. Accused of

possession of explosives in his home, which were never found. He was denied a

defense attorney at his trial. Since 1978, he has been serving a 4 1/2-year

sentence at Trelew Prison.

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